

Qualifications for Lateral Transfer Police Patrol Officer

1. Lateral Transfer Police Patrol Officer (experienced officer) applications will be accepted year around. Those applying will be notified as necessary by Human Resources of scheduling the date for examinations.
2. Every applicant for Lateral Transfer Police Patrol Officer must, in addition to all other applicable requirements of the rules, currently be employed as a law enforcement officer, have a minimum of three years training and experience as a law enforcement officer as defined in the Illinois Police Training Act or three years training experience which in the judgment of the Commission is substantially equal to three years training and experience as a law enforcement officer as defined in the Illinois Police Training Act, except that such training and experience does not have to be with the State of Illinois or any political subdivision of Illinois.
3. Every applicant for Lateral Transfer Police Patrol Officer must, in addition to all other applicable requirements of the rules, be not less than twenty-four (24) years of age or over thirty-five (35) years of age; provided, however, that in cases where an applicant has had special training or experience in police related work, the Commission may, at its discretion, accept applicants thirty-six (36) years of age or older with one (1) year of increased age allowed for each year of training or experience. The maximum of such age allowance shall be four (4) years.
4. Every applicant must not have any felony convictions or any disqualifying misdemeanor convictions as set forth in 65 ILCS 5/Article 10-1-7(c). This can be viewed at www.ilga.gov.
5. Every applicant must not be prohibited by any court action and/or state or federal statute from carrying a firearm.
6. Every applicant must present a high school diploma or proof of equivalent education
7. Every applicant must, at the time of appointment, possess a valid Illinois driver's license
8. Every applicant must, at the time of appointment, be a U.S. Citizen
9. Prior to appointment, eligible applicants must be accepted for membership in the Decatur Police Pension Fund
10. Every applicant for Lateral Transfer Police Patrol Officer must provide documentation showing proof of eligibility with the background packet upon completion of the written testing (e.g. high school diploma, college transcript(s), DD214, police training certification)
11. Every applicant must be in good health, be of good moral character and not possess an adverse police record. Applicants should possess physical strength and agility sufficient to handle aggressive situations, be able to work under adverse weather conditions, be able to think and act quickly in emergency situations and possess good general intelligence and emotional stability.

SPECIAL NOTE: Police Patrol Officers may be required to maintain physical fitness standards throughout their careers.